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Restoring History

Renovations Begin on Marion's Music Hall

By Kenneth J. Souza

After nearly three years of committee meetings, benefits, and fund raising efforts, Marion's historic Music Hall on Front Street is finally ready to get a much-needed face lift. As of last week, the Board of Selectmen noted that all activities scheduled for the facility have been temporarily suspended and contractors are expected to start work sometime before the end of March. With subcontractor bids pending, town officials are slated to open sealed bids for the general contractor on February 27.

"The building is free of activity at this point," said Selectman and Music Hall Restoration Committee Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. "We've now begun clearing the way for the contractors."

Indeed, the last eighteen months have been important for the Music Hall Restoration Committee. After Town Meeting voters approved a \$450,000 debt override in 1995, the restoration project was delayed until the town could find a buyer for Taber Hall to offset the cost of Music Hall repairs. When the minimum bid of \$200,000 for Taber Hall could not be met, the asking price was reduced and re-advertised for sale.

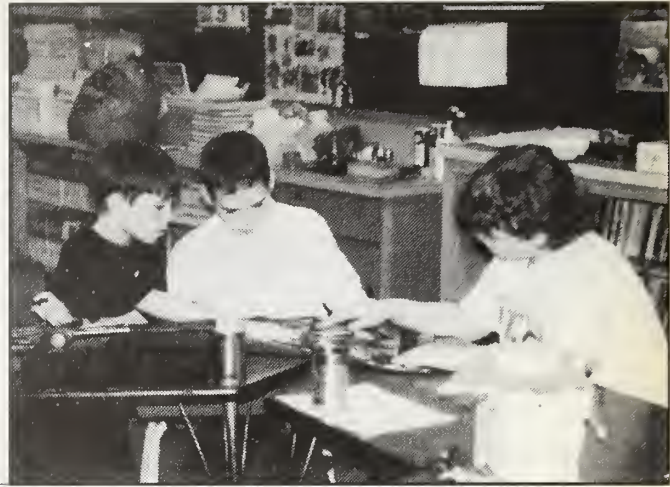
According to Selectman Schaefer, Taber Hall was finally sold for \$175,000, which was used in conjunction with an anonymous \$250,000 donation to offset the original debt override of \$450,000. Another estimated \$50,000 was also raised through fund raisers and benefits to round out the \$500,000 restoration project.

In addition to generous financial contributions, Marion residents have also been kind enough to donate specific items and volunteer their services to support the century-old building which was given to the town by Elizabeth Taber. One example is Don and Rosemary Kusza, who recently donated a baby grand piano which will be placed in the Music Hall when renovations are complete.

"We've been receiving gifts of specific items ... like kitchen appliances," Selectman Schaefer said. "We'll probably need more in terms of seats and window treatments as the building is rehabilitated."

The \$500,000 restoration project will entail bringing the historic building into compliance with American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, making it handicapped-accessible via an elevator; upgrading the electrical system; refurbishing the Reading Room; and possibly installing air conditioning and a new heating system, depending on the bids received.

"The exterior of the building will remain the same," Selectman Schaefer stressed. "We'll only be adding one door on the northerly side. (The Music Hall Restoration Committee) felt the most cost-effective way to provide handicap access was by putting in an elevator." In addition, the bathrooms and stage will also be upgraded to meet ADA requirements.



Above: Fifth graders Alex Bost, Dan Farren, and Chris May examine a quilt sample made by Emily McLaughlin. Ms. McLaughlin gave a presentation on the history of quilting in America last week at Sippican School as part of the class' Colonial Day. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

On the cover: Marion's historic Music Hall on Front Street is now closed for renovations which are set to begin next month. The repairs are expected to be completed by the end of the year. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

Cover insert: Lisa Reale of Acushnet takes advantage of the free telephone bank set up in the parking lot of St. Francis Xavier Church across from Town Hall while waiting for her home phone service to get back online. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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Once bids are opened and contracts awarded, renovations will commence on the Music Hall and continue through the summer and fall. Selectman Schaefer said she expects work to be complete by November or December of this year — at which time a special open house or public event will be scheduled.

"I hope (the Music Hall) will be opened for the holiday season," she said. "We'll plan something for the re-opening. We've had wonderful support from the community and the volunteers on the Music Hall Restoration Committee ... and in the end, I think we'll have a building which everyone can be proud of."

Fables in Fabric

Quilting Demonstration at Sippican School

By Kenneth J. Souza

Last Friday may just have been Valentine's Day for most ... but for certain students at Marion's Sippican School, it was also Colonial Day.

Students in Debbie Almeida's Grade 5 class — who had been studying the Revolutionary War period — were treated to a presentation on quilting from colonial times to the present. "Quilting Lady" and local store proprietor Emily McLaughlin informed and entertained the class with tales of quilting and its origins in America.

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"In New England, (colonial) settlers really needed quilts for warmth," Ms. McLaughlin told the attentive students. "Quilting came to America when Dutch and German ladies brought patterns over from their homeland. We don't have too many examples of the New England quilt ... but there are many from the period."

Ms. McLaughlin went on to explain how quilt patterns changed to represent different themes or ideas as the craft grew. There was a tradition where women would have to complete 12 quilts before being eligible for marriage. A similar tradition involved the "Freeman's Quilt," which was made for a man of 21 years who could

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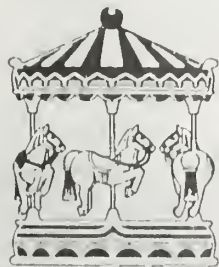
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now earn money for himself — hence, he becomes a “free man.” If a woman in a village wanted to show her romantic tendencies to a man, she might sew a piece of her dress into a quilt made for him.

Students rallied around the various quilt samples which Ms. McLaughlin brought with her. She explained how shapes, colors, and designs were used to represent the different themes or ideas.

“As some quilt patterns traveled across America, the patterns remained the same, but the meanings changed,” she said. “It’s interesting to see how the ideas developed.”

“Dial M for Mayhem”

Acushnet Phone Service Out-of-Order

By Kenneth J. Souza

Many Acushnet residents found out just how dependent they are on telephone service last weekend when a large number of them picked up the receiver to hear ... *nothing*.

Apparently a problem with the switch at the New Bedford NYNEX office on Plympton Street cut service to an estimated 16,000 customers in Acushnet, Dartmouth, and New Bedford with the “995” and “998” exchanges as early as 7:00 am Thursday morning, February 13. As of press time (Tuesday, February 18), some Acushnet phone customers were still without service — but NYNEX officials had promised to rectify the matter by 6:00 pm that evening.

“The failure was most unusual ... we’ve had experts come in to try and find out why the switch failed,” said Bonnie Coughlin, Regional Director of Public Affairs for NYNEX. “That matter is still under investigation ... and our efforts have turned to restoring service to the community.”

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In order to ease the inconvenience to customers, NYNEX also set up a bank of ten pay telephones in the St. Francis Xavier Church parking lot across from the Acushnet Town Hall over the weekend, and also behind the Council on Aging office in the Parting Ways Building.

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Residents could use these free pay phones to make both local and unlimited calls within the Eastern Massachusetts area while the company worked to return service to their homes. Ms. Coughlin also confirmed that NYNEX would automatically credit the affected customers for one week's worth of service.

"My phone's been out since Thursday," said Acushnet resident Josette Sparks, who was using one of the pay phones set up by NYNEX Tuesday afternoon (February 18). "I called today and they said it should be back on tonight."

Despite the obvious inconvenience, most customers seemed to be understanding of the problem. As many as a dozen people within a half-hour period pulled into the St. Francis Xavier parking lot Tuesday to use the pay telephones.

"It's crazy how much you depend on the phone," said Lisa Reale of Acushnet, one of the customers with the problematic "998" exchange. Like other NYNEX customers, she called the company and was told that service should be restored later in the day and that employees were working around the clock to fix the problem.

Although Ms. Reale hasn't had to venture out of her house much since the phones went dead, she took advantage of the phone bank for the first time Tuesday afternoon.

"We have a cellular phone, and it's made a difference," she said. "But we're also running up our bill ... so I came out here to use the pay phone."

Ms. Coughlin said that as of Tuesday afternoon, the dial tone has been restored to all "995" and "998" exchange customers and the company was now working on getting residual services like call waiting and call forwarding back online.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 18, 1997

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday February 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman John N. DeCosta. Also present were



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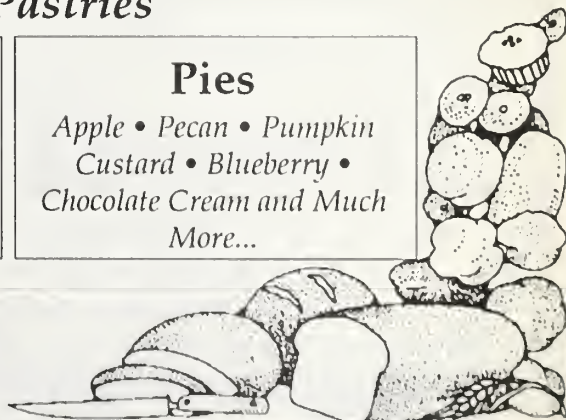
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The meeting was convened in the second floor Conference Room in Town Hall to accommodate the legion of press gathered to hear about the status of town Recreation Director John A. Shockro. It is alleged that Mr. Shockro sexually assaulted two female students at Old Rochester Regional High School, where he is employed.

Chairman DeCosta noted that the board would only entertain questions relating to Mr. Shockro's position as Recreation Director for the Town of Mattapoisett, and the board had no jurisdiction over his position as teacher/coach at ORR High School, which falls under the school district and regional school committee. Mr. Shockro was not present for the meeting, but submitted the following signed statement:

"In response to your request, I ask for an unpaid leave of absence as Recreation Director until allegations brought against me have been cleared.

"At the present time, the Boys' Basketball Program is underway. Members of the Mattapoisett Youth Athletic Association (MYAA) have volunteered to oversee the program in my absence."

Selectman Lambalot moved to place Mr. Shockro on an indefinite, unpaid leave of absence as the town's Recreation Director, and further directed that Executive

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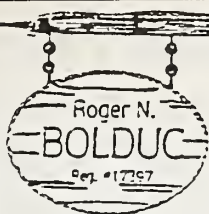
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Members of the media then questioned the board about Mr. Shockro, relative to his position as Recreation Director — a part-time appointed position for which he is paid \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually and which he has served since 1989. The board refused to address any matters regarding the charges brought against Mr. Shockro or his position at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Chairman DeCosta noted that Mr. Shockro had a



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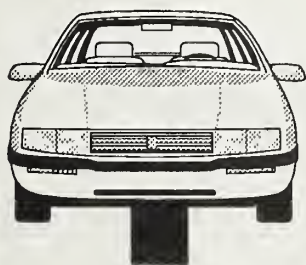
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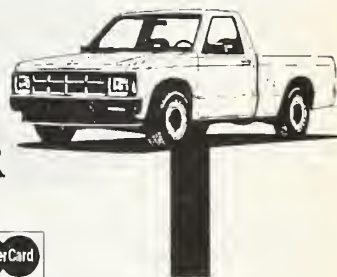
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very positive reputation prior to the charges brought against him, and that he has served the Town of Mattapoisett well over the years. "(Mr. Shockro) has an unblemished record in his capacity as Recreation Director," added Selectman Lambalot.

When asked about their reactions to the charges brought against Mr. Shockro, all three members of the board expressed their disbelief. "It was shocking, unexpected and hard to believe," Chairman DeCosta said. But the board refused to comment on whether the ORR District School Committee or officials at the high school handled the matter properly.

"We asked Town Counsel to contact Mr. Shockro's attorney to request on behalf of the board that Mr. Shockro submit a request for an unpaid leave of absence," Selectman Lambalot said when questioned about Mr. Shockro's reference in the letter. "We thought it was the easiest method for Mr. Shockro to step down from his duties as Recreation Director."

When asked if they would conduct any further investigation into the allegations brought against Mr. Shockro, the board said the motion to accept his request for an unpaid leave of absence as Recreation Director would be their only action in the matter. "I believe the District Attorney's office is handling the investigation and they have put a call out for whoever wants to come in and

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talk to them," Selectman Bernier said.

The board ended the session by noting that if Mr. Shockro is cleared of all charges brought against him, they would consider reinstating him as Recreation Director at that time.

The board reconvened in the regular Selectmen's Office at 7:15 pm and unanimously signed the treasury warrant for the week and approved the minutes of the February 8, February 11, and February 13 meetings along with their related Executive Session minutes. The board then unanimously voted to sign and approve a request from the Mattapoisett Square Dance Association to hold their annual square dances at the Town Wharf from June 28 through August 30.

The following meetings are scheduled throughout the week:

- Wednesday, February 19 - Bicycle Path Study Committee meeting at 7:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office;
- Wednesday, February 19 - Goals Subcommittee Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room;
- Thursday, February 20 - Executive Secretary Meeting in Barnstable at 1:00 pm;
- Thursday, February 20 - EmPOWERment Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room;
- Friday, February 21 - Bid Opening for old

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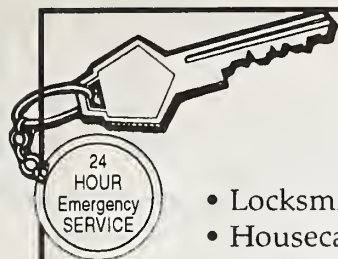
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ambulance at 3:00 pm in Town Hall;

- Monday, February 24 - Master Plan Study

Committee meeting at 7:00 pm in the Planning Board Room;

- Monday, February 24 - Open Space Study

Committee meeting at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Memo from Randall Kunz, Chairman of the Capital Needs Committee, advising that his board and the Board of Selectmen have scheduled a Public Meeting on April 28 at 7:30 pm at ORR High School to review the Capital Budget;

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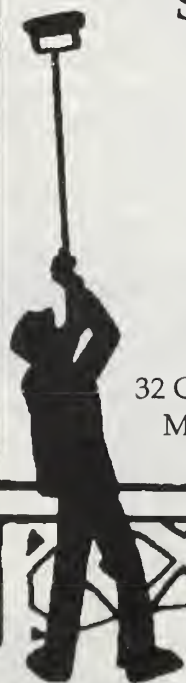
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• Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. addressed a release that occurred on Wolf Island Road on February 10, 1996. \$5,400 has been received by the town from Liberty Auto Parts, Inc. for clean up costs;

• Memo from Board of Health Agent Dale Barrows advising that the position of Gate/Recycling Attendant at the Mattapoisett Landfill has been filled by Kathleen Massey. Selectman Bernier wanted to know if this would conflict with Ms. Massey's position as Assistant Dog Officer/Shellfish Officer. Ms. Adams said she would discuss this matter with Ms. Massey, as she will be working 35 hours per week at the Landfill, which leaves only 5 hours per week to dedicate to her other duties;

• Building Inspector Andrew J. Bobola requested permission to purchase a CD-Rom unit for the Building Department. The item — which will cost an estimated \$250 — would be purchased from the Building Department's budget. The board unanimously approved Mr. Bobola's request.

At 8:00 pm the board met with Michael Immel, Co-Chairman of the Open Space and Recreation Committee, to update the Selectmen on his board's progress. Mr. Immel noted that the Open Space Committee has been busy updating the town's 1989 Open Space Report, and he wanted to commend the volunteers for their "excellent work." Mr. Immel then informed the board that he would like to implement the following items:

• First, he wanted to extend the tenure of the existing members of the Open Space Committee, as their

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terms expire in April. He would like the Board of Selectmen to consider extending the appointments for another six months through September, 1997;

- Second, he would like to establish a standing Open Space and Recreation Committee, which will be recommended in the final plan;

- Third, he would like to submit an article for the March 24 Special Town Meeting (fiscal year 1997) to allocate \$5,000 for publication of their revised Open Space Plan (\$250); publication of a summary final plan to be mailed to all Mattapoisett residents (\$3,500); hold another Public Meeting (\$250); and cover costs of mailing, miscellaneous copying, and supplies (\$1,000);

- Fourth, he would like to submit an article for the Annual Town Meeting (fiscal year 1998) to allocate \$300 to cover miscellaneous expenses for the newly-established standing Open Space Committee.

The board said they supported Mr. Immel's recommendations, and noted that everyone in town appreciates the work of his committee.

At 8:10 pm the board met with Steven Kelleher of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Study Committee. Mr. Kelleher noted that the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) received the town's pre-application proposal for funding through the Federal

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Transportation Enhancement program, and the town needs to submit their final proposal for their portion of the bike path by March 14.

Mr. Kelleher noted that Fairhaven is just about ready to put their portion of the bike path out to bid, and he did some research and found that it would cost an estimated \$800,000 to construct the bike path through Mattapoisett from the Fairhaven town line to the Marion town line. In addition, an estimated \$88,000 would be required to prepare engineering plans for the project. Mr. Kelleher said he would be pursuing other avenues of funding within the current fiscal year, and he would get back to the Selectmen as to when the town needs to submit applications.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:20 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 18, 1997

By Pamela L. Sylvia

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman

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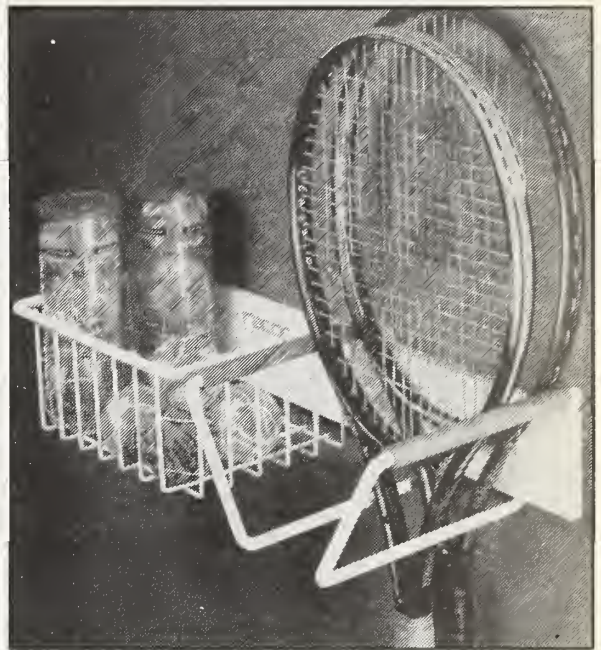
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After calling the meeting to order and approving the minutes from February 11, the board signed a warrant unanimously approving March 10 as the date for the next Special Town Meeting.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a letter from the Marion Board of Fire Engineers, involving the possession of two surplus outboard motors from the Harbormaster. The Fire Engineers requested that the Board declare the two outboards surplus, and allow them to be sold with the proceeds going towards a new outboard from the government discount distributor. The board unanimously agreed to the sale.

Two letters were received from the Montle Plumbing and Heating Company, stating the status of two local companies. Montle Plumbing and Heating is formally protesting the acceptance of the heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning sub-bid submitted by Advantage Plumbing from Cape Cod of Hyannis. Advantage Plumbing failed to provide information involving the sheet metal, insulation, and automatic temperature controls for the renovations to the Marion Music Hall on Front Street. Montle also protested the sub-bid submitted by T&C Mechanical Contractors, d/b/a Romac Mechanical Contractors, Inc. on the grounds that they do not customarily do some of the work required within the job description.

Continental Cablevision sent a letter to the board explaining the one-time credit of \$3.11, which will appear on subscribers' March bills. The credit represents the



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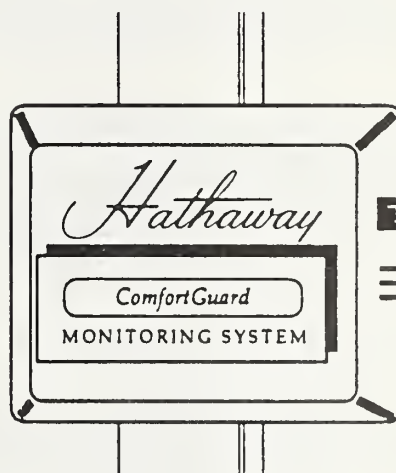


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On the agenda at 7:10 pm, the board met with members of the Board of Health (BOH), involving a proposed sewer line along the so-called "Berry Patch" neighborhood. The BOH stressed the importance of extending the sewer line. They believe that the town should make the issue one of their top future priorities. Selectman Schaefer knows that the issue will take a while to undergo. "It takes a long time to get the town in place to decide which area will go first," she said. "But we certainly need to be mindful of that area."

Selectman Winters stated the issue is a future concern: "If we put a rush on this, it will give the BOH the opportunity to help the people of that community." The board agreed the issue will be analyzed in the near future for further consideration.

On the agenda at 7:15 pm, the board met with representatives of the Planning Board, BOH, Conservation Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals to discuss a written guidebook for all of the above listed to follow. The guidebook was written as an easier reference of communications between several boards. The copy given out was only a "Draft Copy," allowing people to write and submit their comments to the board. William Brennan of the Planning Board thought the guidebook was an idea long overdue. "I'm very impressed, as a new member of the Planning Board," he said. "If I had this a year ago, it



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would have been very helpful."

Chairman Dickerson suggested that the written comments be collected so necessary changes can be made. A Planning Board member and co-author of the guidebook thinks this idea would be wise for the future. "We will find out in the next few months of things that need to be added or deleted if it becomes a living document," he said. "Our next step is to collect these drafts and comments and rewrite the next one. We will probably send out the new versions after March 10."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they adjourned for the evening at 7:35 pm.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

February 18, 1997

By Mary E. Redman

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Lorraine Roy Hawkes. Also present were Selectman William D. Chamberlain and Executive Secretary Russell Dean.

After approving the minutes of the February 10 meeting, the board met with Jill Bodeau from the Council on Aging (COA) regarding the human service survey for town residents.

The Selectmen next met with Susan Adams, who is in need of a letter from the Historical Commission for a grant application. The board also discussed the fact that the Historical Commission was in need of new members. Past members will be contacted and a plan of action discussed later.

At 7:30 pm, Ed Zyskowski and Ken Foley talked to the board regarding the Pine Street Earth Removal site. Mr. Zyskowski agreed to have Mr. Foley do work on the site in order to meet the Selectmen's requirements for clean-up.

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board received:

- Statement of Values and Fleet Schedule update from Hastings-Tapley Services, Inc. Mr. Dean will be meeting with them at a later date;

- Laurell J. Farinon, Conservation Agent, next requested a representative from Rochester for the Tri-Town River Committee. The board voted to appoint Michael Soares to represent the Town of Rochester;

- Augusto B. Costa and Vin Ryan expressed their interest in serving on the town's Cable Advisory Committee. The letters were put on file for future consideration;

- Tom Benoit of SEMASS submitted payment of \$175,252.38 to the town for a January, 1997 payment in-lieu of taxes;

- Mark Reilly of Continental Cablevision informed Selectmen that a one-time credit of \$3.46 will appear on customers' monthly cable bills, effective March, 1997;

- Georgia Chamberlain expressed her interest in serving on the Mary's Pond Beach Committee;

At 8:00 pm the Town Auditors met with the Board of Selectmen. The board was concerned about uncompensated leave for some town employees. It was suggested that before a plan of action was decided that the amount of money that was being talked about should be determined first. The Executive Secretary is going to check into this. The Auditors mentioned that the State was looking into unifying town accounting systems. They felt that Rochester was heading in the right direction.

At 8:30 pm the board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.



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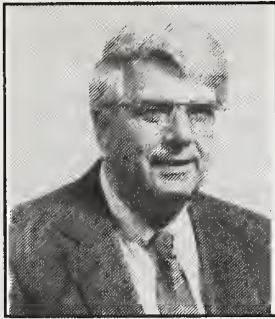
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Other adoptables this week include: two declawed, spayed and neutered mother and son; an older Persian female (gray calico); two male siblings — an orange tiger and a gray tiger, both short-haired and about eight months old; a very sweet long-haired tiger female (six months); a four-month-old orange and white male kitten; and a long-haired black and white female (six months).

All of the above and some of the group's project cats will be at Denise's Pet Care Center on Sunday (February 23) from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm for adoption.

At the Fairhaven Animal Shelter there are several dogs awaiting adoption, including a collie mix, a medium-sized white and black setter female, a male shepherd and several more. Please call Kristin at 979-4028 to make an appointment to view them.

Animal Umbrella is also still searching for a building to rent or lease to house the kittens awaiting adoption. They do have ten foster homes but when they are full they have to refuse so many who need immediate shelter until being adopted. They hate to say "there's no room at the inn," but very often they are forced to do just that. If you know of any possibilities, please call one of the following Animal Umbrella representatives:

- Mary Lou at 758-9202;
- Priscilla at 758-2896;
- Trudy at 990-7806.

The local chapter of Animal Umbrella, Inc. is still working on their trapping project and the up-to-date total so far is 14. They are now realizing that there are many more cats at this site than previously noted. They are now faced with badly needing additional funds, more foster care situations, and adoption parents for the many who have proven to be friendly and adoptable. If you can help in any of these areas, please call one of the aforementioned representatives. The group supplies all the necessary items to keep a cat in foster care until ready for adoption.

Mattapoisett Town Report Contest

If you are a Mattapoisett resident artist, photographer, or like to dabble with paints, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen invite you to participate in a contest to select a cover for the next Annual Town Report. Entry forms and contest information may be obtained by contacting Melody Pacheco in the

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Selectmen's Office or by stopping by Town Hall. All art work and completed entry forms must be received at Town Hall no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, March 14.

Entries will be displayed at Town Hall and judged during the week of March 17. The winning entry will be announced at the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm.

Tri-Town Early Childhood Council

Every other occupation, from driving a truck to performing surgery, requires months or years of training. Only for the job of raising children is there the expectation that love will be enough. But sometimes it isn't. Parents also need skills. Here is the program that gives parents the know-how they need to be helpful to their children and helpful to themselves.

Through a grant from the Regional Training Council of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Community Partnerships for Children Tri-Town Early Childhood Advisory Council is offering a six-week course for parents based on the critically-acclaimed book *How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The course will be facilitated by Reginald Carter, School Adjustment Counselor at the Sippican School. The course is open to any parent residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, or Rochester. The course will be held in one of the local elementary schools. The location will be determined by the town with the majority of registrants. There is a limited enrollment of 12 people. A fee of \$10 will cover the cost of consumable materials. Books will be provided and may be purchased, if desired. Each session will feature a thirty-minute video segment, discussion and activities.

To register or for more information, contact Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator at 748-1863.

Mattapoisett Lions Club

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be holding a monthly Pancake Breakfast now through May. The breakfasts will take place on Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. Upcoming breakfasts will be held on February 23, March 23, April 20, and May 18.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$3 (adults), \$2 (children), and \$10 (family donation, 2 adults and 3 or more children). The breakfast includes pancakes, sausages, juice, and coffee.

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Pinewood Derby in Marion

Every year more than one million Cub Scouts and parents team up to participate in a miniature road race known as the Pinewood Derby. Pack 32 renews a Marion Cub Scout tradition by holding the 1997 Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 1 at 12:00 noon at the Music Hall on Front Street in Marion. The event is FREE and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be available. The boys, with minimal assistance from their parents, carve the cars, decorate them, weigh, adjust, and fret over them, and finally race them.

There will be 11 trophies awarded. Eight of them will be for the top eight winners of the Pinewood Derby.

Three additional trophies will be awarded, one in each of the following areas: originality, design, and sportsmanship.

The first Pinewood Derby was held in 1953 by Cub Scout Pack 280C of Manhattan Beach, California. The event was publicized in Boys' Life in October of 1954. The magazine offered plans for the track and car, which featured "four wheels, four nails, and three blocks of wood."

The rules of the very first race stated: "The derby is run in heats — two to five cars starting by gravity from a standstill on a track and run down a ramp to a finish line unaided. The track is an inclined ramp with wood strips down the center to guide the cars."

The cars still roll the same way, forty years later, accompanied by shouts of excitement and grins of delight from both participants and spectators. Come see the Marion Cub Scouts as they cheer and shout for their favorites. The Pinewood Derby involves boys working on a goal requiring preparation and skill, which are two hallmarks of scouting.

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Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

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Mattapoisett Rubbish Schedule

Due to the holiday on Monday (February 17), the schedule for Thursday and Friday's rubbish pickup (February 20 and 21) will be delayed one day. Please have your rubbish at the curb by 7:00 am. If you have any questions, please call the Board of Health office at 758-4112.

Coyotes in Marion

Coyotes! - An afterschool program sponsored by the Marion Natural History Museum, will take place on Wednesday, March 5 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm for Grades 2 through 5. Admission is \$7 each, and the program will take place in the museum, above the Elizabeth Taber Library on Spring Street in Marion.

Marie Hetzel will explore the natural history of the coyote, a species which is found with increasing frequency in our area. The program will feature an informational discussion followed by an art project. Pre-registration is required — to register or for further

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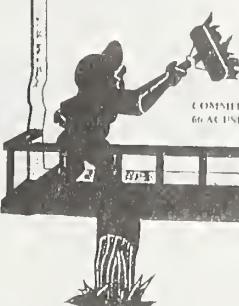
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Registration will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 12. The first class will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, March 19. Classes will continue on Wednesdays through the rest of March and April.

For more information, please contact Renelle LeBlanc at 295-9121 or Jennifer Fletcher at 979-8779.

Mattapoisett Recycling Reminder

The Mattapoisett Board of Health would like to remind all residents to crush all plastic milk and water jugs before putting them out for recycling. The newspapers should be left in paper bags that can also be recycled or tied with a string. Updated recycling schedules will be mailed out in March.

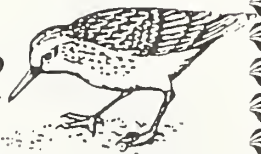
If you have any questions regarding recycling, please call the BOH office at 758-4112.

Chowder Supper in Marion

The Marion United Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion, will be sponsoring a Chowder Supper on Saturday, February 22. There will be one seating at 5:30 pm, with a limit of 100 people. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for children. Reservations can be made by calling

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Fairhaven Colonial Club

The Fairhaven Colonial Club will sponsor an Historical Tea on Saturday, February 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Colonial Club, 6 Cherry Street, Fairhaven. Rain date for the event will be Sunday, February 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The event is free and is open to the public.

The Historical Tea is a celebration of the town's anniversary. It is held annually by the Colonial Club, which is located in the Coggeshall Memorial House on Cherry Street. The Coggeshall House was bequeathed to

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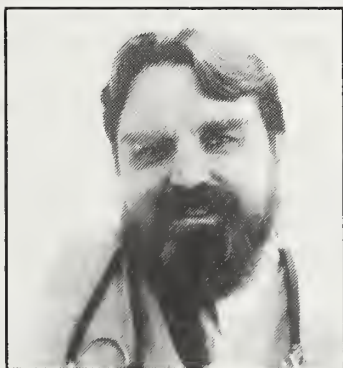
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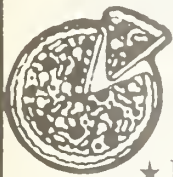
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the Historical Commission in 1916 by Martha Coggeshall. The Colonial Club was established in 1911 to prepare for the Town Centennial in 1912. Until 1912 the group met at the Academy Building on Main Street.

For more information, please call Elaine Rocha at 992-2246.

Howard's Neck in Acushnet

The Acushnet Historical Commission is planning to install a bronze plaque on South Main Street marking the location of Howard's Neck, site of the earliest settlement in Old Dartmouth. Howard's Neck, on the Acushnet River, was settled by John Howard, a lieutenant of Captain Myles Standish, in the year 1660.

The Commission feels that it is a special honor for Acushnet to be the place of first settlement in Old Dartmouth (New Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, Fairhaven, and Acushnet) and that the placement of a commemorative plaque would only enhance the reputation of the town as one of the earliest settlements in America.

An article has therefore been placed on the warrant of the Special Town Meeting for February 27 requesting funding and the Commission hopes the voters will support this community endeavor.

Coincidentally, 1997 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Acushnet Historical Commission.

4-H Meeting in Rochester

Informational meetings are being held throughout Plymouth County this month for potential 4-H Leaders or adults interested in learning more about 4-H. The 90-minute meetings will provide an introduction and overview highlighting many exciting, educational 4-H projects and materials.

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School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of area School Committee meetings for the month of March. All meetings (except the joint March 31 meeting) will be preceded by a public hearing on the 1997-1998 school budget. All meetings are slated to begin at 7:30 pm:

- Wednesday, March 5 - Marion School Committee, Sippican School;
- Monday, March 10 - Mattapoissett School Committee, Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, March 11 - ORR District School Committee, ORR High School;
- Thursday, March 20 - Rochester School Committee, Rochester Memorial School;
- Monday, March 31 - Joint Meeting of the ORR District School Committee and the Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55, ORR High School.

The Machacam Club - Mattapoissett

The Machacam Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 5 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoissett. Social hour will be at 5:30 pm with dinner service beginning at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Richard J. Rambur, Superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park. Richard will fill us in on the current status of the park and discuss the long-term development plans for the area.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on March 3. Last minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Massachusetts Boating Association

The February meeting of the Massachusetts Boating Association (MBA) will feature Pamela Truesdale, Executive Director of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB). She has been the CBB Director since August, 1995.

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The meeting will be held at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 27.

Tobey Hospital Guild

The next meeting of the Tobey Hospital Guild will be held at St. Patrick's Hall in Wareham on Thursday, February 27 at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "Wareham High School Outreach Program" and the speaker will be Dr. Daniel Burke, Principal of Wareham High School. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and all are invited to attend.

Fairhaven Visitors Center

Beginning the week of March 3, the Fairhaven Office of Tourism and Visitors Center will be open full-time, following the Board of Selectmen's recent vote to increase the Tourism Director's work week to 35 hours. The office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

The center provides visitors with information about Fairhaven and its attractions, lodging, marinas, services, and special events. Brochures about other regional attractions, ferry schedules, and free travel publications are also available. In addition, Director of Tourism Christopher Richard promotes the town through advertising and public relations, designs informational guides, assists tour groups and individuals planning visits, and helps bring visitors' dollars to Fairhaven businesses.

Mr. Richard is now seeking listings in the Fairhaven Summer Events brochure. Fairhaven groups planning special activities between May and early October must submit listings by April 1 in order to be included in the brochure.

Local shops, restaurants, marinas, and those providing tourist-related activities and services are asked to bring a supply of brochures to the Visitors Center for display and distribution.

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Mattapoisett Pro-Am Regatta
Members of the Fourth Annual Mattapoisett Pro-Am Regatta Committee attended Sail Expo, held in Atlantic City January 11 through 19. Deb and Fran Grenon, Sharon Legg, John Kurgan, and Tom Brownell met with prospective sponsors, partners, and volunteers to develop new ideas and events for the upcoming season.

The Pro-Am Regatta will hold a Pre-Launch Party in mid-May and a pursuit-style race in mid-August. The race will take place in outer New Bedford/Fairhaven harbor. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more information, please contact Fran Grenon, American Cancer Society Regatta Committee, P.O. Box 944, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

- Rochester Council on Aging**
- Saturday, February 22 - SHARE Pick-Up at Town Hall, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (packages cannot be held as there is no refrigeration);
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 - Tuesday, February 25 - AARP Meeting, 1:00 pm at Town

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- LUNCH is served every Tuesday and Thursday at the Church Vestry at 11:45 am. Cost is \$1.25 (reservations a must). BOWLING is every Wednesday at 9:00 am (please call Evelyn Benner).

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship

The Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship applications are now available through the guidance office of the following high schools: Old Rochester Regional High School, Tabor Academy, Bishop Stang, and Upper Cape Cod Regional. Each year the Woman's Club awards scholarships to area students planning to further their education. Monies for this award comes from the club's only fund raiser — the Christmas Around Handy's Tavern House Tour which is held each December.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church recently announced that applications are available for their 1997 scholarships. They may be acquired at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office, 27 Church Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, or at the Guidance Office of Old Rochester Regional High School.

Applicants must be residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester, or members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and must be high school seniors graduating in June, or a previous high school graduate who has applied for, or is re-entering, an accredited post-secondary education program.

The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement, and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is April 1, 1997.

The Congregational Church would like to remind everyone that this time of year is most appropriate for making contributions that will help sustain their efforts in giving worthy young people a start at the college of their

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Games

Bingo will be held on Monday and Wednesday after lunch. Scrabble will be played every Tuesday from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Shopping

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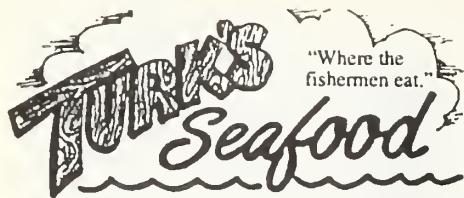
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SHARE Pick-Up

The SHARE Pick-Up Day is Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

SHINE Coordinator

The SHINE Coordinator will be available at the Acushnet Senior Center on Thursdays for a walk-in appointment between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the American Legion Hall on Hope Street. All are encouraged to join the group.

Pharmacy Assistance

Prescription drugs are available for eligible seniors. Please call 998-0280 for an application.

Diabetes Clinic

Diabetes tests will be conducted on February 26. Please call 998-0280 to make an appointment.

Seminar

A seminar on Medicare will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 11:15 am to 11:45 am at the Acushnet Senior Center.

Tax Assistance

Tax assistance is available to seniors by appointment-only on Friday. Please call 998-0280.

Mattapoisett Master Plan Committee

The Mattapoisett Master Plan Study Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 24 in the Planning Board Room 203, second floor of the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

Midd-Town Square Dance Club

Members of the Midd-Town Twirlers Square Dance Club will hold a Sweetheart's Dance on Saturday, February 22 at the Centre Methodist Church Hall on the

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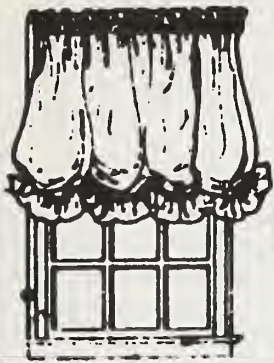
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ORR District Global Fair

The Diversity Committee for the Old Rochester Regional School District will be hosting a Global Celebration on Tuesday, March 18. This event has been funded in part by the Local Cultural Councils of Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester. These councils are funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The featured presenter for the Global Fair is Areyto, a Boston-based musical group that brings together an exciting program using the music of Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. The goal of the celebration is to heighten awareness of diversity issues for students in Grades 7 through 12. The event is being organized by teachers, students, parents, and community members.

The Old Rochester Regional High School Global Fair Committee seeks volunteers to prepare their favorite ethnic foods for the March 18 Global Fair. Donate samples of ethnic desserts, main dishes, or side dishes. Please call Carla Cafarella at 758-3745 if you can help.

York Weds Montanaro in New York

Sandra York of Mattapoisett and New York City and Sean Montanaro of New York City were married in

Keene Valley, NY on February 3. The bride, daughter of Bruce and Nancy York of Mattapoisett, is a graduate of Tabor Academy and Columbia University and is employed at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison as an EDGAR Specialist. The bridegroom, currently employed at Morgan Stanley, is a composer and musician. He is the son of Tony Montanaro of Portland, ME and Pamela Montanaro of Berkley, CA. The couple will live in Manhattan.

Miniature and Collectible Show

The Mattapoisett Firefighters Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Miniature and Collectible Show on Sunday, April 27 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Knights of

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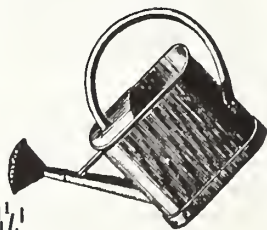
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The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary is entering its 26th year of service to the community. This non-profit organization aids the fire department during emergencies, provides scholarships to area youth, shops for the needy at Christmas, provides toys to burn victims, and houses and feeds emergency workers during storms.

A great scale model and collectible show for the whole family to enjoy, the event will help support the Auxiliary's scholarship funds and is the group's main fund raiser for the year. Admission is \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors and children (5 to 12 years old). A family pass may be purchased for \$5. Light refreshments will be available at a reasonable rate. Tickets are available at Seaport Village on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, at the door during the show, or by calling Elaine at 758-6548 or Janet at 758-2355.

Acushnet Town Clerk

Business Certificates

Acushnet business owners — under Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 110, Section 5), it states: "Any person conducting business in the Commonwealth whether individually or as a partnership, shall file in the Clerk's Office of that town a certificate stating the full name and residence of each person conducting such business."

The fee for this certificate shall be \$20 for a four-year period. Violation to this law shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 for each month of violation. Business owners are urged to contact the Acushnet Town Clerk to file a business certificate.

Dog Licenses

1997 Dog Licenses have arrived and are available during regular working hours in the Acushnet Town Clerk's office. Town By-Laws state that all dogs must be licensed before April 1. The fee schedule is: \$9 for all unaltered dogs; \$6 for each spayed or neutered dog. All owners must present a valid certificate of rabies inoculation for each dog before a license can be issued.

Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club

Following are upcoming trips slated for the Mattapoisett Senior Touring Club, which are open to all interested travellers:

- April 28 through May 2 - Five Days in Ocean City, Maryland. Includes Springfest, cruise, two shows for \$299 double occupancy.
- May 1 - Venus De Milo Trip for lunch, masquerade, entertainers. Price is \$26.95 per person (you can drive your car to the Swansea establishment).
- May 13 through May 15 - Three Days at Summit

Lodge in Vermont for sightseeing, entertainment, and meals. Price is \$219 double occupancy.

- July 14 through July 18 - Trip to Prince Edward Island. Includes sightseeing and entertainment for \$469 double occupancy.

For flyers or further information on any of these trips, please call Florence at 748-1918 or Jean at 758-6470.

Tri-Town Phone Book

The 1997 edition of the League of Women Voters (LWV) Tri-Town Phone Book ("The Blue Book") is in the works. The directory goes FREE to every postal address, approximately 7,000, in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester and any newcomer during the year may pick up a copy without cost at The Bookstall in Marion.

Editors John and Claire Russell are requesting all current advertisers in the directory who have not sent in their renewal forms to please do so as soon as possible. Forms were mailed to all advertisers several weeks ago, but the LWV understands and sympathizes with paperwork overload, so if a replacement is needed, please write or call: John and Claire Russell, 42 Stoney Run Lane, Marion, MA 02738, (508) 748-2542.

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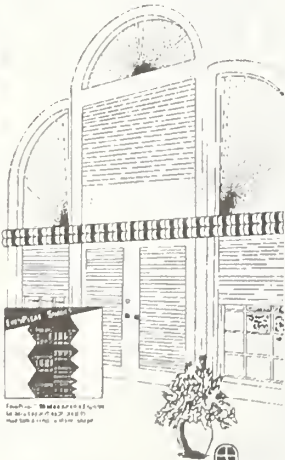
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Small businesses, services and professionals may buy individual classified listings independent of an advertisement in the directory's comprehensive classified section. Advertisers, however, are automatically included free-of-charge.

Income from the LWV Directory helps finance the League of Women Voters' local programs, particularly its Voter Service activities.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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Tax Assistance

There is Tax Assistance available by appointment
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Wednesday, February 26 — Pork dippers, rice, green beans, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, February 27 — Hot dogs, French fries, corn, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, February 28 — Pizzeria pizza with linguica, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, or deli turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 25 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 26 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas and roll, or ham and cheese roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 27 — Steak'Um or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 28 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or seafood salad roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken chop suey noodles, Oriental vegetables, three grain bread, peach crisp.

Wednesday, February 26 — Taco meat pie, Spanish rice, corn medley, corn bread, strawberry fruit pocket.

Thursday, February 27 — Roast beef with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrot coins, white bread, fresh fruit.

Friday, February 28 — New England clam chowder, fish and cheese sandwich with tartar sauce, oven fries, spinach, chocolate pudding.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, apricot crisp with topping.

Wednesday, February 26 — Meatball sub with grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, February 27 — Cheesy mac twists, Louis Rich turkey club, bologna and lettuce sub, mac rib sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, blueberry pie.

Friday, February 28 — Cheese pizza wedge, broccoli and cheese quiche, Steak'Um and cheese sub, oven fries, salad, chilled peaches, raspberry jello with topping.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, corn on the cob, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, chilled pineapple, apricot crisp with topping.

Wednesday, February 26 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hot ham and cheese, chicken salad sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled pears, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, February 27 — Yankee pot roast, Louis Rich turkey club, Steak'Um and cheese, boiled potatoes, carrots, applesauce, blueberry pie.

Friday, February 28 — Tomato soup, double grilled cheese, tuna salad, egg salad pocket, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled pears, lemon jello with topping.

■ FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL - ACUSHNET

Monday, February 24 — Meatball subs, French fries, corn, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes, carrots, or bologna and soup, milk, dessert.

Wednesday, February 26 — Pork dippers, rice, green beans, or ham and soup, milk, dessert.

Thursday, February 27 — Hot dogs, French fries, corn, or turkey and soup, milk, dessert.

Friday, February 28 — Pizzeria pizza with linguica, salad, or tuna and chowder, milk, dessert.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, vanilla

pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, apricot crisp with topping.

Wednesday, February 26 — Meatball sub with grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, February 27 — Cheesy mac twists, Louis Rich turkey club, bologna and lettuce sub, mac rib sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, blueberry pie.

Friday, February 28 — Baked lasagna, broccoli and cheese quiche, Steak'Um and cheese sub, oven fries, salad, chilled peaches, raspberry jello with topping.

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL - ROCHESTER

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, or deli turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 25 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 26 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas and roll, or ham and cheese roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 27 — Steak'Um or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 28 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or seafood salad roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE

Monday, February 24 — Chicken rice soup, chicken patty roll, spicy fries, broccoli, cookie.

Tuesday, February 25 — Grilled hot dog, baked beans, chips, carrots, chocolate whipped cream cake.

Wednesday, February 26 — Orange juice, shepherd's pie, or ham and cheese sandwich, peas, roll, dessert.

Thursday, February 27 — Fruit juice, pasta with meat sauce, salad, roll, pudding.

Friday, February 28 — Tomato macaroni soup, pizza, potato rounds, green beans, cake.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, or deli turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 25 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 26 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas and roll, or ham and cheese roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 27 — Steak'Um or chicken

fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 28 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or seafood salad roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ORR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Soup, meatball sub, or chicken patty, corn, peanut butter, celery sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, February 25 — Lasagna, or Steak'Um, salad, garlic bread, juice or milk.

Wednesday, February 26 — Soup, pastrami with cheese, or chicken fritters, fries, pickles, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, February 27 — Turkey with gravy, or ham and cheese croissant, mashed potato, peas, rolls, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, February 28 — Chicken fajita, or Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets, potato puffs, carrots, or deli turkey pocket, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 25 — Meatball sub, or tuna roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 26 — Baked chicken, mashed potato, peas and roll, or ham and cheese roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 27 — Steak'Um or chicken fajita pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 28 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, or seafood salad roll/pocket, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN

Monday, February 24 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, rice pilaf, green beans, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 25 — Chicken patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pears, apricot crisp with topping.

Wednesday, February 26 — Meatball sub with grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, chicken salad roll, oven fries, baked beans, applesauce, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday, February 27 — Cheesy mac twists, Louis Rich turkey club, bologna and lettuce sub, mac rib sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, blueberry pie.

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Sippican School - Marion

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School on February 26 and 27. Sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 26 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, and on Thursday, February 27 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. At this time, parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor.

A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration to include verification of lead screening and Hepatitis-B vaccination and other immunizations. A copy of each student's original birth certificate will be taken. Information and forms have already been mailed to the parents of prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Hulton between 9:30 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

Adopt-A-Road in Acushnet

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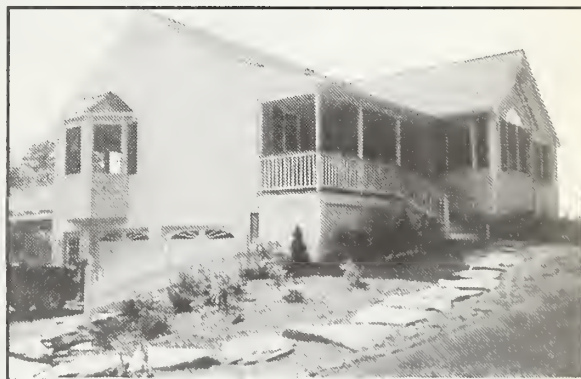
Jay Gould, DVM

FLEAS IN WINTER

My dog and cat are both itching and scratching and my son has little mosquito bite-like red marks on his legs. My neighbor said that the pets may have fleas. I thought that fleas died in the winter.

It sounds as though your neighbor may be right. Fleas do die when they are outside in the winter but can live quite happily in your heated home all year round. It may be necessary to spray your home for fleas at the same time that you treat your pets to resolve a winter flea problem. Be aware that flea bombs do not penetrate under tables, chairs, couches, etc. You will need to use a surface spray to reach these areas. Consider using Advantage on your pets. It is safe, effective and one application lasts about a month.

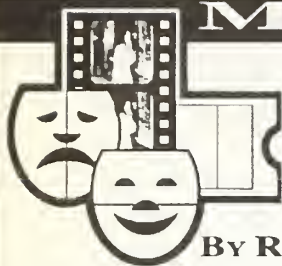
*Dr. Gould can be reached at the
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MOVIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Eastwood's talents are well beyond new routine thriller

BY ROB GONSALVES

■ **Absolute Power.** Starring Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman. Directed by Clint Eastwood. Running time: 122 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 140 in New Bedford.

In recent years, and especially after *Unforgiven*, the critical consensus on Clint Eastwood has brightened considerably, and deservedly so. He's become a skillful and compassionate director and not a bad actor. But a lot of critics seem to want to believe that *Absolute Power*, Eastwood's new movie as a director/star, is better than it is. The film isn't bad, but it's contrived and dawdling, and the slow patches give you plenty of time to reflect on the many implausible moments.

Adapted by screenwriting godhead William Goldman (whose credibility is steadily slipping after *The Ghost and the Darkness* and *The Chamber*) from a bestseller by David Baldacci, *Absolute Power* aims to be entertainment with serious political undertones. The format is familiar: Disreputable Loner Discovers Corruption in High Places. In movies like this, the hero must have a questionable background, or else everyone would listen to him and the movie would be over in five minutes. The film that was supposed to kill this genre for good was, of course, *JFK*.

But no, here's Clint as ingenious thief Luther Whitney, a kinder, gentler update of his arrogant art thief Jonathan Hemlock in *The Eiger Sanction*. One very dark night, Luther breaks into a ritzy mansion and is

interrupted by a drunken couple. Hiding behind a two-way mirror, Luther watches as the man and woman fumble with their clothes. Then the foreplay turns rough, and the episode ends with the woman dead.

Some reviewers have given away the twist about half an hour into the movie, when the supposedly shocking identity of the man (an underused Gene Hackman) is revealed. I'll keep my mouth shut, but it really doesn't make much difference who Hackman's character is. He could just be a rich and powerful man — the same sort that always turns up in these thrillers. The title promises far more intrigue than we get.

Instead, we get many scenes of Clint in his cute mode, sketching or wearing disguises or playing coy games with an admiring detective (Ed Harris). And there's a nice subplot, involving Luther's tentative relationship with his estranged daughter (Laura Linney, redeeming yet another thankless role), that would fit snugly into a whole different movie. But all I kept thinking was: A woman is *dead* here. Knock it off with all the digressions and patented William Goldman snappy patter.

The first reel or so, in which the appalled Luther witnesses the rough sex and killing, has been compared to Hitchcock and *Blue Velvet*, and Eastwood stages it deftly. Yet we can't help thinking how contrived it is that Luther should be there under these circumstances, helpless to act (if he intervenes, he'll go to jail), and Eastwood's direction is unhurried and calm when it needs to speed us past our misgivings.

Absolute Power is professional and sometimes witty. It was probably a useful exercise for Eastwood. But he has gone past this button-pushing pulp, and his phlegmatic style here shows it. Maybe Eastwood simply can't do shallow stuff any more. That's good news for his admirers and bad news for this script.

MOVIE LISTINGS

■ CINEMA 140

376 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA.

Movie Line: 999-6577 / Office: 999-4240.

Friday (February 21) through Tuesday (February 25)

*Absolute Power** (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00;
Mon/Tue: 6:45, 9:15

Dangerous Ground (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 5:00; Mon/Tue: 6:30

Scream (R) – Fri-Sun: 2:15, 7:15, 9:30; Mon/Tue: 8:30

Vegas Vacation (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 8:45;
Mon/Tue: 6:45, 8:45

Fools Rush In (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45;
Mon/Tue: 7:00, 9:15

Shine (PG-13) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30; Mon/Tue: 7:00, 9:15

*Rosewood** (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00; Mon/Tue: 6:30, 9:00

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■ GENERAL CINEMA 8

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Friday (February 21) through Thursday (February 27)

The Empire Strikes Back (PG) – 12:50, 1:20, 3:30, 4:10,
6:30, 7:10, 9:00, 9:40

Blood & Wine (R) – 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10

Dante's Peak (PG-13) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

Star Wars (PG) – 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40

Jerry Maguire (R) – 1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30

That Darn Cat (PG) – 1:50, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

The Beautician & The Beast (PG) – 9:50

The English Patient (R) – 7:40

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Memorial School - Rochester

Kindergarten Registration

Rochester Memorial School Kindergarten Registration will take place the week of March 17. A Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm. Please call 763-2049 for further information.

Fairhaven High School

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club at FHS is organizing a trip to Spain in April. For information, contact Carol Kaner at 979-4052.

Shamrock Shindig in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Firefighters Auxiliary will again sponsor a "Shamrock Shindig" this year, back by popular demand. The event will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of

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Local Police Logs

■ ACUSHNET

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 10 through February 16, 1997:

- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – domestic disturbance
- Main Street – disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace
- Bernard Street - annoying/obscene phone calls
- Main Street – adult arrest (operating motor vehicle with suspended license, speeding)
- South Main Street – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Hope Street – runaway
- St. Lawrence Street – domestic disturbance
- Guilloite Street – domestic disturbance
- Hope Street – juvenile arrest (assault and battery on a police officer, threat to commit a crime)
- South Main Street – domestic disturbance/summons issued (assault and battery)
- Bernard Street – traffic accident/hit and run
- Main Street – larceny/breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Main Street – adult arrest (larceny over \$250)
- South Main Street – assault with hands/fists
- Hathaway Road – adult arrest (stop sign violation, operating under the influence, negligent operation of motor vehicle)
- Lake Street – humane calls/

injured animals

- Garfield Street – domestic disturbance
- Reservation Road – runaway
- Middle Road – traffic accident/hit and run
- Village Avenue – disturbance/noise complaint
- Main Street – humane calls/injured animals
- Main Street – vandalism
- South Main Street – disturbance/noise complaint
- Frank Street – assault with dangerous weapon/summons issued (assault with crowbar)
- Wamsutta Avenue – summons issued (vandalism, destruction of property over \$250, malicious threat to commit a crime)
- Quaker Lane – humane calls/injured animals
- Boylston Street – motor vehicle accident.

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 9 through February 15, 1997:

- Route 195 West – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – assault and battery/past
- Joanne Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – family offense
- New Bedford Police Department – adult arrest (violation of protective order, warrant)
- Front Street – assault and battery/past
- Wareham Road – suspicious person
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Piney Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – motor vehicle stop/adult arrest (operating after license suspended, operating a

motor vehicle with defective equipment)

- Quail's Crossing Road – juvenile offense
- County Road – protective custody
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Moonings Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – suspicious person
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- River Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street - larceny/past
- Wareham Road – vandalism/in progress
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Pumping Station Road – animal complaint.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 12 through February 18, 1997:

- Marion Road – assault
- Baptist Street – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – arrest (warrant)
- Marion Road – trespassing
- Angelica Avenue – annoying phone calls
- Wendell Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bayberry Lane – missing person (adult)
- Lynfield Lane – harassing phone calls
- Upland Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Park Street – suspicious persons
- Lebaron Way – found property
- Marion Road - motor vehicle accident
- County Road – returned property
- Pepperbush Lane – general disturbance
- North Street – disturbance/fight
- North Street - simple assault
- Prospect Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Prospect Road – suspicious persons
- Bayberry Lane – missing person cancelled
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle accident.
- Wordell Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – larceny
- Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Stuart Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Stuart Road – vandalism
- County Road – breaking and entering
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Gerrish Road – vandalism.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 11 through February 17, 1997:

- Route 105 – disabled motor vehicle
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wordell Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mary's Pond Road – larceny
- Dexter Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Stuart Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- Stuart Road – vandalism
- County Road – breaking and entering
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Gerrish Road – vandalism.

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Marion Village 5K Run

The Town of Marion and the Marion Recreation Department would like to invite you to enjoy an early summer run. The scenic route through the village of Marion is primarily a flat, fast course, with beautiful water views. The first annual Marion Village 5K Run will be held on Saturday, June 21 beginning at 9:00 am. T-shirts will be provided to the first 500 entrants, and there will be five divisions with first, second, and third place awards in each division. All runners/walkers are welcome.

Non-refundable pre-race entries are \$10 (must be postmarked by June 14). Post-race entries are \$12 (accepted until 8:30 am on June 21). Entry forms are available at the Marion Police Department and Marion Town House.

Gong Show in Acushnet

The ever-popular Gong Show to benefit the Acushnet Community Center will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School. The deadline for submitting an

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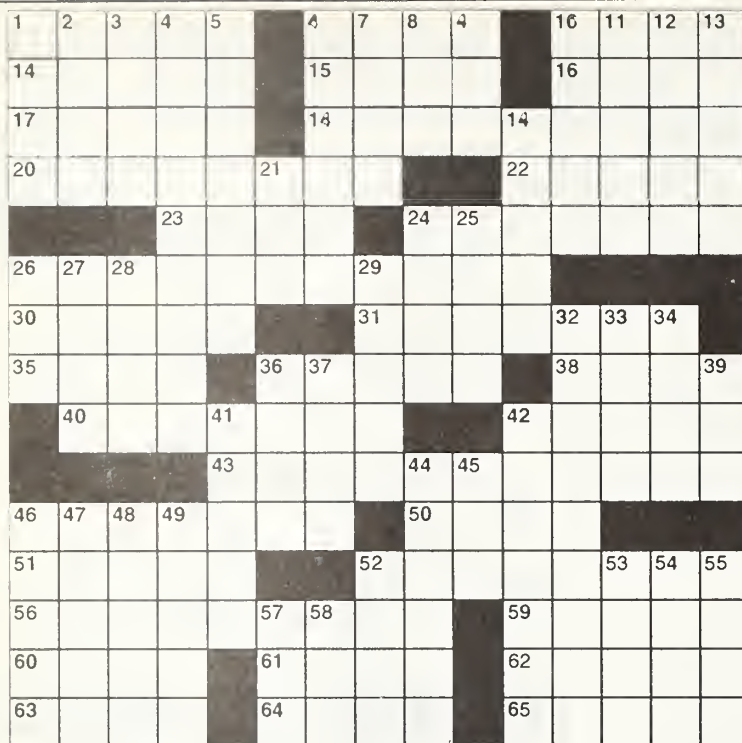
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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Get friends to help you change things around at home. You're at the top of your game. Start things, finish things, take risks and make promises.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Authority figures may seem oppressive. Confide in your friend instead of rebelling outright. The pressure starts to ease soon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Put money down on a travel opportunity — it'll be lots of fun even if it does require scrimping for a while.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Finish up old business and hand in overdue papers. Your luck changes for the better. A foreign connection could lead to a great opportunity.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Finish an overdue assignment. Secret financial dealings could be quite profitable. You're drawing a lot of attention.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work with a group and you can overcome a barrier together. Use a friend's ideas to help you finish a difficult assignment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You could discover surprising data if you dig for it. Ignore an older person's snotty remark. Concentrate on your work or you'll never finish on time.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A problem that's had you stuck is almost solved. Discuss it with a foreign friend. Go someplace to celebrate together.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't leave loose ends dangling. Finish as much as possible — it's empowering. Pay bills and put money into savings. If you need a loan, apply.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A partner tests you to your limits and beyond. He or she can help you get the money you need. Hunt for the buried treasure; you're liable to find it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Finish up everything you can. You'll need to start finding more ways to make money. Not to worry, you'll be very imaginative.

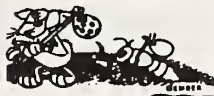
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be luckier in just about everything, since the sun's going into your sign.

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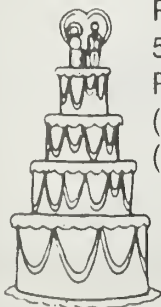
Preschool Program

Space is still available for the Shining Tides
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available to preschoolers is the Tumbling Tots class for
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Marion Special Town Meeting

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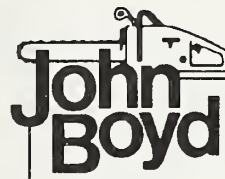
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LEGAL NOTICES

MARION PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARION, MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Marion School Committee regarding the 1997-98 school budget at 7:30pm, on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at the Sippican School, 16 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts. 2/21

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Rochester School Committee regarding the 1997-98 school budget at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, Massachusetts. 2/21

MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT, MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Mattapoisett School Committee regarding the 1997-98 school budget at 7:30pm, on Monday, March 10, 1997, at the Old Hammondtown School, Shaw Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 2/21

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MARION, MATTAPOISETT, and ROCHESTER, MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Pursuant to section 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, you are notified that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING of the Old Rochester Regional District School Committee regarding the 1997-98 school budget at 7:30pm, on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, in the Dr. Joseph C. Kunces Memorial Library, Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. 2/21

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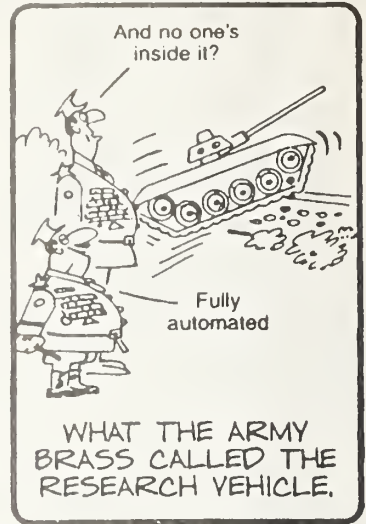
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Rochester Senior Travel Group

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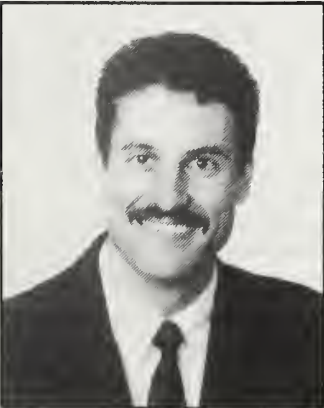
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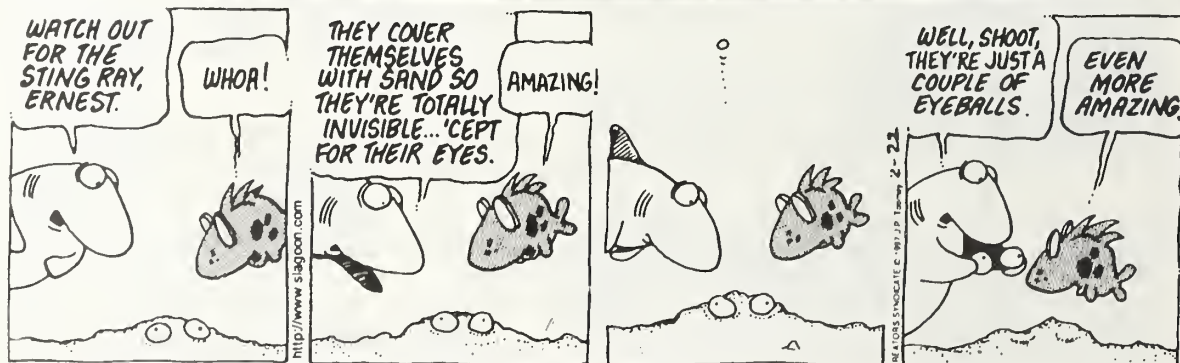
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



causing considerable confusion around the Fairhaven Historical Society's headquarters, the historic Academy Building. In spite of it, the society is putting the finishing touches on already scheduled spring meeting plans and exploring possibilities of several others.

In March, Bette Roberts is slated to present "Arctic Whaling" for members and guests of the Fairhaven Historical Society at the 1798 Academy Building. This event will take place Sunday afternoon, March 16 at 2:00 pm. Bette Roberts is curator of the Mattapoisett Historical Society and her presentation is of particular interest in view of Fairhaven's long and active association with the whaling industry during the nineteenth century.

On April 15 the Fairhaven Historical Society's annual dinner meeting will be held at Century House in Acushnet. Originally scheduled for April 22, the date has been changed to avoid conflict with school vacation week.

The guest speaker at the dinner will be Dorothy Temple, who was until her retirement in 1985, Chief Floral Decorator at the White House in Washington, D.C. Ms. Temple served under four administrations. A Massachusetts native but relative newcomer to Fairhaven, she now divides her time between her home here and Mallorca, Spain.

"Dottie Temple's second career as lecturer and teacher has taken her to cities all over the U.S. and to a special lecture and demonstration in the Republic of China," said Fairhaven Historical Society President Laura F. Knipe. "We look forward to her slide presentation, 'Decorating at the White House' with great anticipation. Her program promises to give us a fascinating look at dinners, events and people inside the White House."

The president and directors of the Fairhaven Historical Society are hoping that the construction chaos may be somewhat abated by the time of the first lecture in March. Lectures at the Fairhaven Historical Society headquarters, the Academy Building, are FREE. Reservations for the annual dinner meeting are required. Reservation forms for members and their guests will be sent out within a short time.

Coalition for Buzzards Bay

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) announces that its Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8 at UMass Dartmouth, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Lecture Hall 153, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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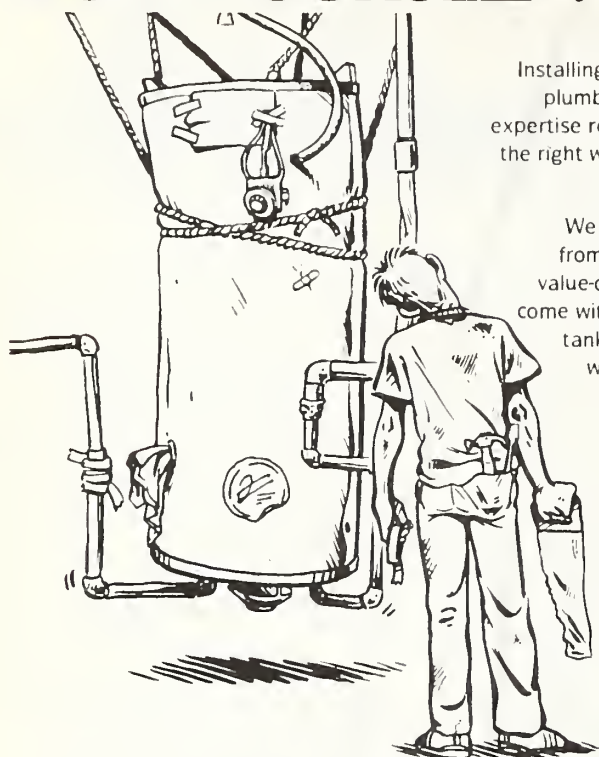
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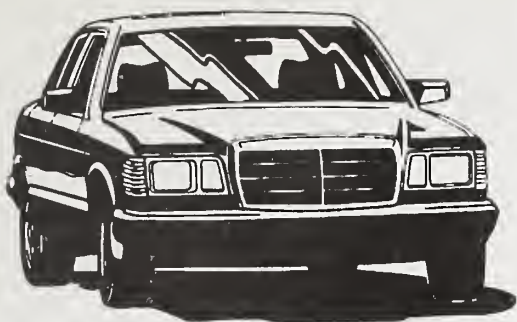
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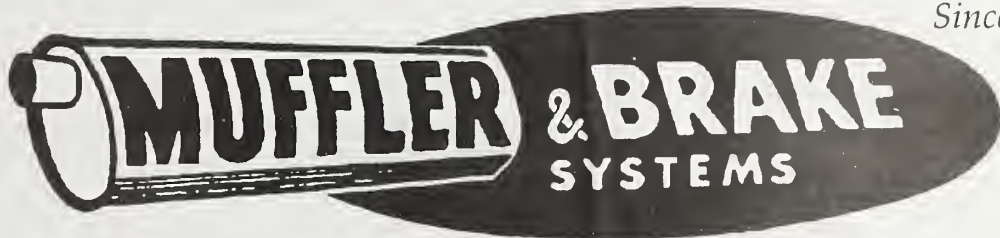
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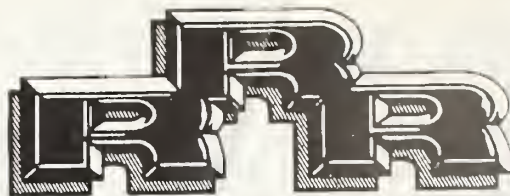
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